

2014 Seattle City Council Green Sheet

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Budget Action Title: Transfer \$300,000 from the Judgment and Claims Fund to the Auditor to fund an audit of SPD's process for responding to public disclosure requests

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Budget Proviso: No

Councilmembers: Bagshaw; Harrell; Rasmussen

Staff Analyst: John McCoy; Ben Noble

Council Bill or Resolution:

Date		Total	SB	BH	TR	RC	TB	NL	JG	SC	MO
	Yes										
	No										
	Abstain										
	Absent										

Summary of Dollar Effect

See the following pages for detailed technical information

	2013 Increase (Decrease)	2014 Increase (Decrease)
General Subfund		
General Subfund Revenues	\$0	\$0
General Subfund Expenditures	\$0	\$0
Net Balance Effect	\$0	\$0
Other Funds		
Judgment/Claims Subfund (00126)		
Revenues	\$0	(\$300,000)
Expenditures	\$0	\$0
Net Balance Effect	\$0	(\$300,000)
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$0	(\$300,000)

Budget Action description:

This green sheet appropriates \$300,000 in the Office of the City Auditor to pay for an audit of the Seattle Police Department's (SPD's) procedures for responding to public disclosure requests (PDRs). The appropriation is backed by available fund balance in Judgment/Claims, via a reduction in SPD's Judgment/Claims cost for 2014. The net result is no impact to the General Fund and a reduction of Judgment/Claims fund balance by \$300,000.

In collaboration with the City Attorney's Office, the Auditor would conduct an audit that would include an examination of SPD's current policies, protocols and practices regarding the intake,

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tracking and fulfillment of PDRs and whether the recommendations from previous audits have been implemented. The work would begin with the Auditor conducting an initial review of SPD's public disclosure process to identify key issues and the appropriate scope of the broader audit. The City Auditor anticipates the need to procure independent technical expertise to assist with the audit.

The City has paid a number of settlements related to SPD PDRs in recent years. Such settlements are paid from the Judgment/Claims Fund. In this context, available balance in the Fund would be an appropriate source of the resources required to complete the audit.

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Budget Action Transactions

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#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BCL or Revenue Source	Summit Code	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Provide \$300K in funding to City Auditor for a review of SPD's PDR process				AUD	Office of City Auditor	VG000	00100	2014		\$300,000
2	Reduce JC revenue by \$300k				JC	Payments from General Government departments	544730	00126	2014	(\$300,000)	
3	Reduce SPD central cost for JC by \$300k				SPD	Deputy Chief of Staff	P1600	00100	2014		(\$300,000)
4	Adjust fund balance for City Auditor				JC	Use of Fund Balance	379100	00126	2014	\$300,000	